(b) An amount of Rs. 187-crores (excluding cost of free supply items) including 45 crores towards advance payment has been released so far.

Electrification of Delhi—Jaipur—Mehsana—Ahmedabad Rail Lines

† 1419. DR. A.k. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for electrification of the Delhi, Jaipur, Mehsana, Ahmedabad lines under the scheme for electrification of rail lines;

(b) if .so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIG VIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to take up electrification of Delhi-Jaipur-Mehsana-Ahmedabad section, due to relative priority for electrification of other high density routes and resource constraints.

Award to Driver of Ashram Express

† 1420. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at Mawal Railway station in Ajmer Division in thfe Centre of Palanpur and Abu Road of Western Railway, Ashram Express Rail accident could be a major accident, but due to the driver's alertness the Railways suffered very small loss;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to give an award to the said driver; and

(c) if so, what and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gauge Conversion in Gujarat

† 1421. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of rail lines of various gauges in terms of Kilometres, in Gujarat planned to be converted into broad gauge between the year 2000 and 2001;

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(b) the average amount likely to be incurred on the above conversion work;

(c) whether the said work is likely to be carried out within a time frame: and

(d) the names of stations at which gauge conversion in proposed to be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Following MG lines in Gujarat State are planned to be converted into BG during 2000-2001 and funds likely to be spent on these works is as under:

(i) 55.14 km of Wankaner-Dhinsara MG line as Phase II work of Wankaner-Maliya-Miyana gauge conversion project. Rs. 37 crores is likely to be spent on this work.

Work on rest of the section is already complete.

(ii) 58 Km MG line of Gandhidham-Bhuj and Rs. 23.69 crores is likely to be spent on this work.

(iii) 21.32 km MG line of Dharangadhara-Kuda siding subject to balance share i.e. Rs. 76 lakhs by Salt Commissioner and Rs. 4 lakhs by Gujarat Slate Government is deposited. The amount likely to be spent by the Railways is Rs. 2 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Gauge conversion is proposed at following stations:

(i) Phase II of Wankaner-Maliya-Miyana gauge conversion project i.e. from Wankaner to Dahinsara for 55.14 km.

(1) Wankaner (2) Dhuva (3) Makhansar (4) Rafleshwar (5) Nazarbag (6) Morbi (7) Khakharla Road (8) Barwala Road (9) Pipliya Road and (10) Dahinsara.

(ii) Gandhidham-Bhuj for 58 km.

(1) Gandhidham (2) Gopalpur (3) Adipur (4) Anjar (5) Sapda (6) Ratnal (7) Kukma (8) Madhapur and (9) New Bhuj.

(iii) Dharangadhaia-Kuda siding for 21.32 km.

(1) Dharangadhara (2) Kuda.